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Journal of the Society of Arts.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1869.

Announcements by the Council.

IMPROVED CABS.

The Council of the Society of Arts offer the following medals for improved hackney carriages specially suited to the metropolis :—

- The Society's Gold Medal for the best and most convenient open hackney carriage for two persons.
- The Society's Silver Medal for the second-best ditto.
- The Society's Gold Medal for the best and most convenient closed hackney carriage for two persons.
- The Society's Silver Medal for the second-best ditto.
- The Society's Gold Medal for the best and most convenient hackney carriage for four persons, either open or closed, or both.
- The Society's Silver Medal for the second-best ditto.

Lightness of construction, combined with adequate strength and durability, will be especially considered in making the awards.

The awards will be made after actual trials of the carriages extending over a certain period.

Communications describing the carriages must be sent to the Secretary of the Society of Arts

before the 1st January, 1870, the carriages to be sent to a place hereafter to be appointed.

The Council also offer the Society's Silver Medal for the best instrument, to be affixed to a cab or other hackney carriage, for indicating the fare as between the passenger and the driver, whether by registering the distance travelled or otherwise, and which instrument shall also indicate, for the convenience of the cab-owner and of the driver, the total distance travelled during the day and the total amount earned. The instruments competing, with full descriptions of their construction, to be sent to the Society's House before the 1st January, 1870.

Competitors may, at their option, sign their communications, or may forward with them sealed letters containing the name and address of the writer.

The Council reserve to themselves the right of withholding all or any of the medals, in case none of the carriages or instruments possess, in their opinion, sufficient merit.

In the trials of the several carriages, the small amount of vibration and noise will be duly considered by the judges.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The Midsummer subscriptions are due, and should be forwarded by cheque or Post-office order, crossed "Coutts and Co.," and made payable to Mr. Samuel Thomas Davenport, Financial Officer.

PROGRAMME OF EXAMINATIONS FOR 1870.

The Council have decided to remove from the Programme those subjects in which the Science and Art Department holds examinations, which, it appears, are now largely taken advantage of by the same class of persons (and very often by the same individuals) as those who sit at the Society's examinations. The following subjects, therefore, do not appear in the programme for 1870 :—

Algebra.	Navigation, &c.	Light and Heat.	Animal Physiology.
Geometry.	Principles of Mechanics.	Chemistry.	Free-hand Drawing.
Trigonometry.	Practical Mechanics.	Mining and Metallurgy.	Practical Geometry.
Conic Sections.	Magnetism and Electricity.	Botany.	Mechanical Drawing.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

I. These Examinations have been established for the benefit of the members and students of Institutions in Union with the Society of Arts, who are commonly mechanics, artisans, soldiers, labourers, clerks, tradesmen and farmers in a small way of business, apprentices, sons and daughters of tradesmen and farmers, assistants in shops, and others of various occupations. To all such members and students in the Institutions, and to other persons of the like condition, male and female, the Examinations, certificates, and prizes, described in this programme, are open on the general conditions stated herein. Persons, however, who are, or have been, professional teachers or pupil-teachers; persons who either are enjoying or have enjoyed a liberal education, or who occupy a higher position in society than those above described, may obtain certificates, but cannot compete

for the prizes, of which particulars are given on pages 798 *et seq.*

II. The certificates are not competed for. They are awarded as records of positive, not comparative, attainment. The prizes are competed for.

III. For the conditions on which persons of a higher grade in society may be examined and receive certificates, but not compete for prizes, see paragraph 4 (D).

IV. The Candidates for Examination have not to go to a distance from their homes. The Examinations are held in all places in the United Kingdom where a Local Educational Board connected with the Society of Arts is willing to make the requisite arrangements.

V. For a list of the Local Boards already formed, see page 800.

VI. For instructions as to the formation of Local Boards and their duties, see page 793.